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Judge William H. Webster
 Director of Central Intelligence
 Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Judge Webster:

Pursuant to Article I of the Constitution of the United States and the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Subcommittee on Crime of the House Committee on the Judiciary is conducting an oversight investigation of the enforcement of Federal laws regarding narcotics, firearms and money laundering.

On or about March 31, 1986, Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, Jeffrey Feldman, met in the U.S. Embassy in San Jose, Costa Rica with U.S. Ambassador Lewis Tambs and CIA Chief of Station Joseph Fernandez concerning an investigation Mr. Feldman was conducting in Costa Rica in which he discussed the alleged role of Lt. Col. Oliver North and his associate Robert Owen, among others, in providing arms to the Nicaraguan resistance. Assistant U.S. Attorney Feldman was accompanied by two special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, George Kiszynski and Kevin Currier. It has been alleged that participants in that arms supply operation have had some form of complicity with the traffic in illegal narcotics, money laundering or violations of Federal firearms and export control laws. The notebooks of Lt. Col. North indicate that on that day Mr. Fernandez called him to report on this investigation into the Contra supply network.

To carry out its investigation, the Subcommittee needs from the Central Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency, or any other United States intelligence operation or bureau, a copy of all records and communications they have concerning this meeting and the subjects discussed at that meeting: an alleged plot to assassinate Ambassador Tambs; an alleged plot to blow up Oliver North and Robert Owen and their associates in providing lethal assistance to Nicaraguan Contras after passage of the

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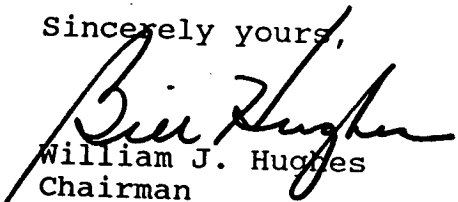
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Boland Amendment. In particular, the Subcommittee would like a copy of any communications, or notes on such communications, from Ambassador Tambs, Chief of Station Joseph Fernandez, or any one else in Costa Rica to any personnel of the CIA and any other U.S. intelligence operatives relating to the investigation being conducted by Messrs. Feldman, Kiszynski and Currier.

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated. If you have provided any of these documents to the House Select Committee to Investigate Covert Arms Transactions With Iran, please let me know just which documents you provided so that I may obtain them from that Committee without troubling you further.

The staff of the Subcommittee on Crime, which has been issued top secret clearances, is prepared to meet with your General Counsel to discuss the necessary restrictions against disseminating sensitive intelligence materials. I wish to stress that the Subcommittee on Crime places the highest priority on protecting the integrity and confidentiality of intelligence sources, procedures and operations, law enforcement investigations and prosecutions, and protecting the security and confidentiality of law enforcement data.

Sincerely yours,


William J. Hughes
Chairman
Subcommittee on Crime

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